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Beckham, Oct. 27.- In this morning are that there be some rain in the nea It is badly needed.

Mrs. C. D. Drinkard, cr is really ill for a few weeks covering slowly, and is abl around in the house. She s before last with her son a ter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Drinkard, who live at the

T. R. Martin, Jr., of had an old-fashioned corn last Thursday night.

The Womans' Missionar of Trinity church met in day with Mrs. R. B. Mar good attendance.

Rachel Ann, the fifteen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. tin, who was quite sick is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby M dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Len Martin. Mr. an D. Carson and two daugh guessts is this home Sund

Mrs. Lillie Drinkard, w nearly two weeks in Lync turned to her home Satur in Lynchburg she attend sale of the Virginia C

Mr. and Mrs. Russell M Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, Coleman, at Colony, were Martin's corn shucking.

Marvin Drinkard, atte the College Conference, Mrs. Len Martin last

Rev. and Mrs. T. E. M dinner guests Sunday of Martin.

A good many from th home demonstration club the Oakville- Trinity ch and greatly enjoyed the

Evergreen Personals

Evergreen, Oct. 27.- Mr LeGrand spent Sunday a night with Mr. and Mrs. Marks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Mar Miss Cleo Reynol home of Mr. and bitt Sunday P. M.

You will find Ap good place to mark purchase.

Appomattox is

Martha's Happiest Christmas

BY BARBARA ANN BENEDICT

MARTHA was dependable. Like a patient, willing and uncomplaining horse. Her life on her small farm was not different from a tread mill, always the same, day in and day out, month after month, year after year.

There had been a time when Martha was not alone. That was when her older sister Helen and her younger sister Nancy and her still younger brother Curt lived there at the farm. But that was a long time ago, longer still since their parents had died. The sisters were beautiful and had married well, and Curt, possessed of burning ambitions, had left to make his way in the world.

Frequently they came out to call, to "eat one of Martha's wonderful dinners" and "get a breath of country air."

It was on a Christmas day that Nancy brought Barre Howard out. "I knew you wouldn't mind, darling," she gushed. "Mr. Howard is a traveler and he's lecturing in town tomorrow night."

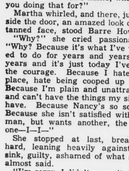
Martha smiled and nodded and looked up into Barre Howard's tanned face, a face that was strong and kind, with eyes that held a dreamy mystery in their depths.

But no one would have dreamed that there were any thoughts in Martha's head save those that centered around preparations for the Christmas dinner.

It was a sumptuous meal, one of the best Martha had ever prepared. She knew a vague sort of pride at the way her guests attacked it.

Martha sat with the others at the table after the dinner was over, listening to Barre Howard tell of his travels, of far away places he'd visited. He looked at her now while he talked, directly, penetratingly, and she flushed.

After a while Martha got up and began clearing off the table. No one



offered to help. She washed and dried the dishes and stacked them away. And when she came back into the living room, they were ready to go, all of them. After they left she closed the door and turned and went back into the kitchen.

For a moment she stood in the center of the floor. An expression came into her face that was the unleashing of years and years of suppressed desires. She took a quick step forward, seized a broom by its handle, swung it toward the shelf of canned preserves with all her strength.

Martha laughed, shrilly, piercingly, and struck again. The shelf gave way this time, swinging on one hinge. Half a hundred jars of varying size crashed to the floor.

Directly following there was an instant of silence, and in that instant a voice spoke near the kitchen door. "In heaven's name, what are you doing that for?"

Martha whirled, and there, just inside the door, an amazed look on his tanned face, stood Barre Howard.

"Why?" she cried passionately. "Why? Because it's what I've wanted to do for years and years and years and it's just today I've had the courage. Because I hate this place, hate being cooped up here. Because I'm plain and unattractive and can't have the things my sisters have. Because Nancy's so selfish. Because she isn't satisfied with one man, but wants another, the only one—I—I—"

She stopped at last, breathing hard, leaning heavily against the sink, guilty, ashamed of what she'd almost said.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean it. Really, I—if there's something you forgot, I'll help you find it."

"There's nothing I've forgotten."

"Then—why did you come back? Why don't you go and leave me alone, like all the others do?"

His eyes were steady, penetrating, a dreamy mystery in their depths.

"Why do you think I came back?" he asked.

"Why?" She brushed a hand across her eyes. Something was stirring inside of her, something she thought dead. "Why?" she repeated. "How should I know?"

"Why do you think?" he asked again.

Barre Howard laughed and stood before her, and suddenly the look in his eyes was no longer mysterious. It was like a picture, readily interpreted, telling her why he had come back.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Every Child Likes To Decorate Tree

Child development experts say that children will enjoy Christmas more if they help in getting the house ready for the coming of old Saint Nick. One of the most important duties, especially to a child, is that of decorating the tree.

A little boy or girl will love the opportunity to cut out cardboard stars, then dip them into a thick mixture of water and laundry starch

Even the united efforts of these children couldn't budge the huge Christmas tree selected for their schoolyard — but they had a good time trying to help.

and finally, sprinkle them with artificial snow. Small gourds, seed pods and pine cones can be treated in a like manner, after they've been painted with quick-drying enamel, or with aluminum paint.

Much pleasure will be derived by a child if he or she is allowed to make strings of cranberries, popcorn or small pieces of stale bread to hang on a special Christmas tree for the birds. Later children can string them about a shrub or tree in the front yard, and watch the birds enjoy Christmas, too.

Santa Claus, Ind. Attracts Volumes Of Christmas Mail

About 75 years ago the people of a community in Indiana applied for a post office, asking Santa Fe as a name. There already was a post office by that name in Indiana, and since it was a short time before Christmas, the people decided to name the town Santaclause, in one word.

In 1938 the name was changed to two words, Santa Claus. Since then letters from all over the world have come in, until now it takes a force of about eight people three weeks in November and December to handle the Christmas mail with a new electric canceling machine. About 60,000 pieces a day are dispatched around Christmas.

A Santa Claus headquarters is maintained where thousands of tourists and visitors buy gifts and post cards. During the Christmas week, Santa Claus, in full uniform and long whiskers, presides.

Although this is the only town in the world bearing this name, other places have names associated with the Yule holiday.

Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

Five communities in the United States are named for this holiday. There is a Christmas in Gila county, Arizona; Orange county, Florida; Lawrence county, Kentucky; Bolivar county, Mississippi; and Roane county, Tennessee.

Minnesota boasts of a lake by the name of Christmas. It is located in Scott county.

JUST WAIT!

"What did your mother say when I didn't come home until late last night?"

"She said, 'Just wait until after Christmas. I'll fix him.' "

Poinsettia Lacks Yule Tradition

The poinsettia has no Christmas tradition. Possessing beautiful red and green leaves (the flowers themselves being the small yellow centers), and being available at this season, the brilliance and color of this plant add much to Christmas decorations. The plant is native to Central America and Mexico and was adapted some years ago to cultivation by Dr. Poinsett of Charleston, S. C. It is distinctly modern and American.

Christmas Gifts

By Joan Stedman

"WE'RE tired of the camp and we're going to move on. See?"

Orrek Gordon lifted his head. "Going to walk out on me and quit? Your wages are good here."

The foreman of the lumber gang sneered. "Say, money ain't everything. We want to get back to town and we're going." He slouched back to the tent and joined the crowd of surly men around the great campfire.

From the log bungalow beyond the camp twinkled many lights. Orrek stared at the Christmas candles. Marcia had placed them there, saying they brought peace to the household. And now, with his men walking out on him, Marcia would be lost to him.

A skimming sound on the firm snow aroused him and Marcia, a gay little figure in her white furs, caught at his arm and came to a stand-

"Why stay out here when I want you?"

still on her skis. "Why stay out here when I want you, Orrek? We're making up a bridge table.

A bridge table when his future career was toppling down!

Orrek's eyes blazed as he tucked the small bundle under his arm. How he loved her! In a few brief sentences he told her of the discontent among his men. "It's the loneliness that gets them," he finished, "the lack of amusement."

"If they walk out you cannot keep your contract. That will queer you with the owners." She turned and left him in silence.

Back at the bungalow Marcia tumbled the contents of her clothes closet while talking rapidly to her maid, Ynette. "Isn't it lucky that I brought you those chords, Ninette?"

The camp was humming around the fire, fell into a sudden silence as the gay plink-a-plink of a banjo sounded in the clearing.

Gebert, surly gang leader, jerked out his pipe. "Listen, boys!"

Down the hill Marcia came gaily, her fingers bringing jolly notes from the banjo. She had taken off her furs and re-echoed as Ninette joined in.

I know that."

Carried along by memories, the men joined in, forgetting the loneliness of the Christmas eve, forgetting their fancied troubles.

Marcia had come to the very edge of the great fire and stood there picking at the strings. Above here the man she loved, just beyond her stood the men in a semi-circle, their unshaven faces lighted by a mutual love of music.

"How many of you play small instruments?" she asked softly.

The answerer brought a quick smile to her lips. "I thought there would be many of you to help me out," she cried.

"I want to have a string-band," hurried on Marcia, "and I need volunteers. A violin, maybe two or three. A guitar—"

"I play the flute," interrupted Jacques.

"At home I have an accordion," came a wistful voice from the rear.

"Fine," interrupted Marcia. "I have, tonight, made out an order that should have been mailed sooner. It is my Christmas gift to our men. The order is for musical instruments. I wish each man would write down his instrument and give it to me. With luck we should have the orders filled in three days and we'll practice hard so that New Year's day may find us ready. How about it?"

There was an instant response as hardened palms came together.

Just beyond the pines a wolf howled, but Marcia was looking up into her lover's eyes.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Wrapping Small Gifts

An unusual way to wrap a number of small gifts is to have each one given in a good-sized Christmas box that is to be filled with an envelope made of either plain red, holly, silver or gold paper. Wrap each gift first in plain white tissue paper, folded in envelope style, and seal the flaps of both the inner and outer envelopes with contrasting seals. Patterns for the envelopes can be cut from ordinary envelopes by tearing one apart and either enlarging on it or trimming it down.

More Winter Food Promised Britons

Rationing to Be Eased if Raids Become Intense.

LONDON. — Food rationing in Britain will be relaxed during the coming winter months if German raids become as intense as they were last year, Lord Woolton, food minister, said, speaking in Watford, Hertfordshire. He saw the "possibility of increasing our food supplies—increasing some of our rations for those heavy months," he said.

There was danger of the people growing over-fatigued under the strain of continuous bombing, he admitted. Citing his own experience, he said: "I am bound to say that after 91 nights of bombing last winter I got most tired."

Lord Woolton cautioned the people against undue optimism in the matter of food. He said the full dinner pail—or at least half full—would not be permanent but would come just at the right time to maintain the health and spirits of the public.

His main responsibility was to see that Britain was fit and well as far as foods were concerned, he said, adding:

"And I am assured by competent medical and nutritional experts that we have never been in better health for years.

"The marvel is," he continued, "that despite all these difficulties and despite all the calls on our shipping, we have been able to get all the essential food we need to keep us going and that we are in a position unrivaled in Europe today, namely of being able in this third year of the war to increase the public's food rations.

"I am most anxious that the children will not suffer physically as a result of the war."

Standardized Names of Game Fish to Be Issued

ST. LOUIS.—Before long when a Florida fisherman says he caught a southern snapper while the California angler insists that he caught a Pacific snapper, and each error can say that it was something else again and be right.

It's all because the American Fisheries society is nearly ready to release a standardized set of names for fish with the sole idea of clearing up a linguistic difficulty.

Common fish names now vary widely, according to Walter H. Chute, director of the Shedd Aquarium at Chicago, who has been in charge of the fish-naming committee for three years.

"A standard list of common names is essential if fishermen are to talk the same language," he maintains.

"A fisherman in the deep South calls a fish a speckled trout now," Chute says. "But in these regions there are no true trout. What is really meant is a large-mouth black bass. An angler from Wisconsin would call it the slightest idea what the Southerner was talking about.

"Take what some people call bullheads. In Massachusetts, where I come from, we call the same fish hornpouts. Further south they're known as catfish.

When the fish-naming committee started work, Chute said, 600 common names had been submitted to experts in all sections of the country. On the basis of their suggestions the list was revised and submitted for the second time. Now the third revised list is being made up Chute hopes that this will be the final revision and that the approved list with an index of accepted variants can be published next year.

On Relief, Borrows $25 And Buys Art Treasure

LOS ANGELES.—The $25 that Edward Washer paid for an oil painting he discovered in a book store may have been the best investment of his life.

"I have just learned it is an original by Giovani Battista Piepolo, an Italian master of the Eighteenth century," Mr. Washer, who had to go on relief when he was fired from a bank, said.

"I was browsing in a little old book store when I came upon the picture. There was a 'for sale' sign. The proprietor wanted $5, but another man became interested and before I could get the picture I had to go $25. Even then I had to borrow the money to pay for it.

"I took it to an art expert to be cleaned and through him I learned it was really valuable. We have done a lot of checking and I have received several offers, but the picture will be locked up in a bank vault. There are only 10 Piepolo originals in existence, and the last one sold in Paris brought $100,000."

At Last Youths Get News of Service Act

KEAMS CANYON, ARIZ.—News of the selective service act finally has penetrated to some of the remote areas of the Arizona Navajo country. Two youths told Superintendent Seth Wilson they had just learned they were required to register. Haska Yazza, 24, and Roy Hurkey, 30, now await the call to arms.

St. Francis Started Use of Yule Crib

It was St. Francis of Assisi who gave the Crib the tangible form in which we know it today. In 1223 he visited Rome and told Pope Honorius III his plans of making a scenic representation of the place of the Nativity. The Pope gave his sanction and on Christmas eve, St. Francis constructed a crib and grouped round it the figures of the blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, the ass and ox, and the shepherds. He used live animals in a real stable.

The custom spread from Italy to Spain, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Germany, and from these countries it has spread to all corners of the earth.

Museums throughout the world possess very ancient cribs. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, has a group which dates from before 1478.

The custom of placing cribs out of doors as Christmas decorations in the yard has become popular the past few years.

Huge Christmas Feasts Served in Old Castles

Christmas dinners served in medieval castles were not really "feasts." The meal lasted usually from three in the afternoon until midnight.

One of the dishes always on the table was meat pie. In dowing into history we find that Sir Henry Grey in England ordered one baked that was nine feet in circumference. It weighed 165 pounds and was served from a four-wheel cart built for the purpose.

Here's the recipe:

2 bushels flour	6 snipes
20 pounds butter	4 partridges
4 geese	2 neat's tongues
2 rabbits	2 curlews
4 wild ducks	6 pigeons and
2 woodcocks	7 blackbirds

Making a Doll Buggy

The amateur carpenter of the family can make a doll carriage easily and cheaply. A jumbo grape basket may be fastened on wooden axles for wooden wheels. Handles can be made from discarded yardsticks or window-shade sticks, with a piece of broomstick for a hand rest. Paint any desired color, and mother, aunt or sister will be glad to make a pad for the inside. It makes a dandy Christmas gift for any little girl.

Bank of Appomattox

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VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Ci cuit Court of Appomattox, on the 19th day of November, Commonwealth of Virginia,

Against

William E. Lewis, Jack Rose Mary Ray, Annie Kimbrough Johnson, Opal Johnson, and th known heirs of J. H. Johnson, d

Defendan

The object of this suit is to ject the real estate owned by J. Johnson at his death to the pa ment of the delinquent taxes thereon. Said real estate being in the Small District of Appomattox ty, Va.

And it appearing by affidavit ed that William E. Lewis, Jack Rose dett, Mary Ray, Annie Kimbrough Mary Johnson and Opal Johnson are non residents of Virginia, and unknown heirs of J. H. Johnson they are hereby required to appear within ten days after the date publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest

Teste:

C. W. SMITH, Clerk.
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Red Cross to Stage War Fund Campaign

Miss Eula May Burke, chairman of the Appomattox County Chapter of the American Red Cross reports that the officials of the chapter are pleased to announce that the Rev. H. Frederick Jones, pastor of Liberty Baptist church, has accepted the position as chairmanship of the Red Cross War Fund Drive.

The Rev. Jones is busy planning the campaign, and will shortly announce the county goal. In previous disasters, floods, tornadoes and the pitiless storm of the Low Countries, Appomattox county has cheerfully given. What was asked and often more. Local Red Cross workers are confident that the county will give, and give, and count it a privilege, in this crisis. It is pointed out that wounded soldiers and sailors would suffer as their agonies were it not for the Red Cross. The Red Cross weapon is the sword of mercy, and let it be sheathed never to sheath that sword.

Rev. Jones stated last night that Appomattox County would have a goal of $2,000 in the Red Cross Special War Fund Campaign. The national goal is $50,000,000.

As President of the United States has signed the following proclamation for a Red Cross war fund campaign:

"Whereas our country has been unduly attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, involving inevitably bring grief and disaster to many and self-sacrifice to all;

"Whereas for more than sixty years the American National Red Cross has played a vital part in taking up the wounds of the injured, the hurt, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the diseased, in rebuilding broken lives, in rehabilitating the victims of the catastrophes of nature and of war;

"Whereas in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing the American Red Cross is spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, and it is the country's duty to see that the organization receives in order to carry on effectively its functions as an essential part of our armed forces, particularly as a first reliance in future problems between the man power of the nation and the home front as sakey agency in civil-defense; and

"Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, on this date, of a Red Cross War Fund Campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars; and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign a wholehearting success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal."

JUNIOR RED CROSS DRIVE A SUCCESS

There has been splendid cooperation on the part of Appomattox County schools during the recent Red Cross drive. Results show that there are now twenty-three chapters in the county that have met the requirements set up by the Junior Red Cross and therefore rated as one hundred per cent organizations. Of these, ten are the white elementary schools, ten the colored elementary schools, and three high schools of the county. Nineteen per cent of the pupils in all these schools have become members of the Junior Red Cross, as they have made individual contributions.

When schools reopen after the holidays, many organized Junior Red Cross chapters expect to take part in all activities suggested by the national organization, trying to be of service in the community as well as to our soldiers, in camp and on the battlefield, in America and elsewhere.

The exact time of sunset at the U. S. Naval Academy is determined by the Admiral, following an old Navy custom.

Foreign uniforms cannot be worn in Switzerland without permission. U. S. Navy officers usually wear plain clothes on duty there.

Tobacco Marts Close Today For Holiday

After fairly heavy breaks the first two days this week, dark fired tobacco sales were light Wednesday. However, prices remain strong at all warehouses, and all grades of leaf were in active demand. Growers sold a total of 179,265 pounds of tobacco in Lynchburg Tuesday, at an average of $15.03 per hundred. Heavy wrappers sold as high as $50 and lugs went up to a new high for the marketing season.

Today's sales will conclude the selling of dark tobacco until after the Christmas holidays. Growers will be hoping for some damp weather during Christmas week to aid them in getting leaf in shape for larger sales when the warehouses reopen.

Among the good sales in Lynchburg this week was one of 480 pounds of tobacco by F. J. Smith and Purdue of this county at an average of $18.03.

Farmville and Lynchburg markets have been running neck and neck far in total poundage of sales. Tuesday Farmville sold 179,292 lbs. at an average of $14.66.

Plan Bangle Day, Saturday In Appomattox

On Saturday December 20, Appomattox will observe "Bangle Day," children from the local grade school, and white arm bands with red crosses, will sell T. B. Bangles in the streets and in the stores.

The money from this sale goes to the Tuberculosis Association, and each of it used to pay for treatment of citizens of this county who have tuberculosis. The wholehearted cooperation of the public is asked.

Those who will sell Bangles are: Mrs. Dick Wingfield, Franklin Summerville, Jesse Bell Hamlett, Lloyd McFadden and Bobby Franklin.

Civilian guards at the Naval Academy are called "Jimmyleg" by the midshipmen.

Chief of the Navy Bureau of Ordnance keeps a picture of Santa Claus on his desk. He is patron saint of ordnance men.

A Naval man always salutes the quarter deck of a ship, as the symbol of the state.

Expresses Appreciation

As chairman of the Appomattox County Chapter, American Red Cross, I wish to publickly thank

Mrs. A. B. Collins, Roll Call chairman,

Mrs. C. T. Moses, Roll Call Publicity chairman

Mr. J. C. Davidson, Roll Call treasurer.

Mozella Price, Roll Call chairman and every worker in the Roll Call drive for their splendid work.

Also, William Carl Hunt, manager of the Eastern area, American Red Cross has written me requesting that I convey to each and every worker the message that he personally and officially appreciates both the sacrificial work done by the officers and workers and the membership and contributions from the citizens of Appomattox county.

We also say "hurrah" for the Junior Red Cross, under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas Christian, Miss Mary Savedge and others. The Juniors, white and colored, went "over the top" with 100 per cent enrollment. Congratulations for all.

We are sorry that lack of space prevents our mentioning the names of all workers and all contributors.

Eula May Burke, Chairman,
Appomattox County Chapter,
American Red Cross.

The new USS SOLACE is a 400-bed floating hospital, with 12 Naval doctors and 13 nurses aboard.

Dedicate New Sunday School Plant at Rocks Church this Sunday at 11 O'clock

At a special service this Sunday at 11 A. M., the members of the Rocks Baptist church will dedicate attractive new Sunday School rooms which have just been completed. The pastor, the C. A. Collins, jr., extends, on behalf of the church a cordial invitation to the public to attend the services.

Dr. J. B Hill, of Richmond, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the principal speaker at the dedicatory address.

Five modern Sunday School rooms have been added to the church. The auditorium has been enlarged with opening doors to the new rooms, and the front of the church remodeled. In addition, the outside of the church has been painted.

The Rocks Baptist church is the "mother church" of the Appomattox Baptist Association. It was established in 1772, and from it were organized a number of other Baptist churches of this area.

The pastor, Rev. Collins Jr., is a young minister of great energy, remarkabl talents and gifted leadership. Pastor on the "Evergreen-Old" of churches, he has had remarkable success as an organizer and it is a rare event when the pews of his churches are not taxed to accommodate the throngs attending services. The young peoples organization at the Evergreen church of the field recently captured first honors in the state for their high standard, and the Evergreen Sunday School is recognized far and near for its wonderful attendance records. Likewise, the Central and the Hollywood churches and their organizations are doing outstanding work.

In connection with the construction at the Rocks church, it might be noted that many of the members gave standing timber, which was cut and used in the project. Others gave labor, and all joined in making gifts of cash, and it is expected that the dedication will be made with no debt.

We extend congratulations to the Rocks church and its members.

The first commander in chief of the Army and Navy to hold divine services on ship board was President Roosevelt.

BYRD AIRPORT

Byrd Airport, in Richmond, is considered to be almost certainly the location for the $12,000,000 bomber air base which will be established at Richmond, according to an announcement by the War Department.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Do Christmas shopping early.

SANTA CLAUS CAN HELP AMERICAN DEFENSE! This poster, drawn by J. W. and W. J. Wilkinson, a father and son artist team of Baltimore, reminds Americans that they can help the Defense Program this Christmas by giving Defense Bonds and Stamps in addition to the usual presents. Nation-wide distribution of this poster has been made, especially in the windows of 500,000 retail stores where Defense Stamps—for as low as 10 cents—are now on sale.

Getting Ready For Wartime Christmas!

With Christmas only one week, and five shopping days away, Appomattox is snapping into readiness for its first wartime Christmas in twenty, three years. Local merchants expect a heavy volume of trade from now through next Wednesday. A marked effect on trade was noted for several days last week after the first shock of the war declarations. But after a breathing spell, and perhaps spurred by high dark tobacco prices and the running out of shopping time before Christmas, the public hit a buying mood. A rush to buy articles likely to advance in price due to the war was also noted. Stocks of several such items have been virtually depleted.

Although there may be "Some Changes Made" within a few weeks due to the war, the evidence seemed to be that Appomattox would observe a typical Christmas. Schools close tomorrow for a holiday until January 5th.

After the holiday, steps will be taken to put Appomattox in line with wartime needs. Instructions for test and real "blackouts" have already been received, and a special meeting of the town council will be called to act on suggested war emergency ordinances.

Committees are actively pushing the appeal to farmers to adjust their plantings and farm practices to the slogan, "Food will win the war and write the peace."

Likewise, the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps has spurted.

One disappointment during the holidays is expected to be that dozen of Appomattox soldiers and sailors will not get Christmas leave as had been planned, due to the need for all armed forces to be instantly prepared for any emergency.

The State Defense Council has ordered "immediate and complete organization of every subdivision" of the regional councils. Aided by the State Highway Department and Selective Service headquarters, 120,000 pages of instructions to the localities were rushed through in a single day this week. Already approximately 100,000 Virginians have registered for civilian emergency defense work, according to Acting Coordinator J. H. Wyse, but many more are needed. Nine district air-raid warning centers outside of Richmond have been instructed to go on a 24-hour basis. They are Fredericksburg, West Point, Hampton, Franklin, Suffolk, Williamsburg, Onancock and Norfolk.

A. J. LUCAS COMPLETES CHEMICAL WARFARE DRILL

Andrew J. Lucas, Appomattox, as a member of the Eleventh Civilian Defense Course, completed a special course of training at the United States Army Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. This Civilian Defense Class ended on Saturday, December 12.

While at Edgewood Arsenel, Mr. Lucas was a member of a class receiving special instructions in the technical features of civilian protection against air attack, including up to date methods by which incendiary fires are controlled, the handling of unexploded bombs, and the defensive measures to be taken against war gases.

Mr. Lucas is a member of the State Highway Police, making his home in Appomattox.

Invited to Sing Christmas Carols

All chose of any age wishing to sing Christmas Carols are asked to meet in front of the Appomattox high school on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 7:00 o'clock.

At the U.S. Naval Academy the curbstones are red, green and yellow denoting no parking, officers cars and commercial vehicles, respectively.

NOTICE

NOTICE: Next week the Times-Virginian will be published one day earlier, in order to give its personnel Christmas day as a holiday. Therefore we request all correspondents and advertisers to have their copy in a day earlier. Thanks!

Veteran Says is Ready Once More!

Charles Henry Coleman, at 98, is Appomattox county's "Grand Old Man." He fought through the War Between the States, which ended here at Appomattox in 1865, and he lived through the Spanish American and the World Wars. So when Uncle Sam went to war again last week, it was no new thing to 98 year-old Mr. Coleman. Mr. Coleman has been sick in recent weeks. Some feared that he might not survive until his 98th birthday, last Thursday. But God has spared him, and last Thursday William Hubbard, rural mail carrier, brought Mr. Coleman a big batch of birthday greetings, and paused to ask Mr. Coleman what he thought of the new war. The answer:

"I've got my trusty gun, and I'm ready to go if my country needs me!"

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will present a Christmas play at the church Sunday evening, December 21, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

FORD — RAMSEY

Miss Dorothy Bernice Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ramsey, of Brookneal, and Samuel Thomas Ford, son of Mr and Mrs. William Labon Ford, of Concord, were married Saturday evening, December 6, at the Presbyterian manse at Appomattox, the Rev. R. E. Reading officiating.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Liberty Baptist church will hold a Candle Light Service Christmas Eve night, at 7:30, in the church auditorium, Rev. Adelaide Mason and Rev. H. F. Jones, will have charge of the service. Both choirs, adult and junior, will sing carols. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Admit Heavy Losses

In the sensational attack by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor, the U. S. has admitted the loss of the battleship Arizona, three destroyers, and some 3,000 casualties. Untold damage was done to the air forces stationed in Hawaii, as well as to naval and army bases.

Patriotic citizens rush to buy defense bonds.

SPOUT SPRING SCHOOL NEWS

"The Coming of the King," a Christmas play, will be given at the Spout Spring school Friday morning, December 19, at 10:30.

Mrs. Adelaide Mason showed a motion picture on Tuberculosis to the Spout Spring pupils, which made clearer the meaning of the Bangle and seal sale.

The school has enrolled in the Junior Red Cross 100 per cent. The pupils hope to serve their country.

The library fee has been paid 100 per cent, for the 1940-41 term.

The 4-H Club had a program and Christmas party Friday, December 19th.

The fifth and sixth grades visited in two homes of shut-ins and carried a basket and sang Christmas carols. They are planning to do more work of this kind.

—Reporter, Dorothy Martin.

LEE — CLARK

The marriage of Mary Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clark, of Lynchburg, and Travis Berthand Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lee, of Appomattox, took place Saturday, December 13, at 5 o'clock, at the home of the bride's pastor, Dr. F. L. Welles, pastor of Court Street Methodist church. The attendants were Lawrence Lee, of Richmond, brother of the groom, and Miss Marlyn Burnette, of Lynchburg. The bride wore an aqua wool dress with brown accessories and corsage of gardenias.

The groom has been connected with Preston Glenn Airport for the past three years,as a pilot and instructor in airplane mechanics.

After a short trip, the couple left for Acadia, Florida, where he will be stationed at an air base as inspector.

Christmas Library Hours

The Appomattox County Library will be open all during the Christmas holidays, except for Christmas day. The library hours are 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. from Monday through Friday and 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. on Saturday. The library is also open on Tuesday night from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M.

The United States has never lost a war.

A marine and bluejacket alternate in always guarding the tomb of John Paul Jones at the Naval Academy.

The Appomattox post office will be open from 2 to 4 P. M. the Sunday afternoon, for the sale of stamps, delivery and mailing of Christmas packages and cards. It is hoped that patrons of the local post office will lend their cooperation in the effort to prevent a last-minute mailing jam.

Appomattox Boy Joins The F. B. I.

Vincent, "Rip," Collins, Appomattox student at the University of Richmond and for three years star on the University's football team, is a "G" man now!

It was announced this week that Collins had withdrawn from school and had joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond authorities said they had received a note from J. Edgar Hoover notifying them of Collins' appointment.

Collins went to the University of Richmond with an alumni fellowship which was awarded on the basis of outstanding athletic ability, academic prowess and exemplary character. His conduct, both on the campus and on the athletic field was praised by dean Raymond B. Pinchbeck and athletic director Thistlethwaite. "If he's as good as catching criminals as he was at catching passes, he'll make Uncle Sam an excellent man," commented coach Thistlethwaite.